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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 10 Percent From Last Year

On January 1, 2008, Arizona had 368,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 34,000 head from a year ago and up 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head during December, unchanged from a year ago. During December, 24,000 head were marketed, down 7,000 head from last year.

On January 1, 2008, California had 560,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 10,000 head from last year and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 67,000 head during December, down 10,000 head from last year. During December, 60,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up 2 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 296,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above 2007 but 4 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during December, 34 percent below 2007 and 36 percent below 2006.

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